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In re Application of Confirmation No.: 7211  
Tomoo FUJIOKA et al Art Unit: 2828  
S. N. 09/854,190 Examiner: T. M. Nguyen  
Filed: May 11, 2001  
For: CYLINDRICAL STRAIGHT SLAB TYPE GAS LASER

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 26, 2003, for which a one month extension of time is requested to extend the period for response to December 26, 2003, please make the following amendments:

Specification amendments begin on page 2 of this document.

Claim amendments begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.

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In the specification:

Page 3, line 29, correct the paragraph as follows:

When high frequency excitation voltage is applied between the two cylindrical electrodes 11, 12, the gas filled in the cylindrical straight slab 1 is excited and a laser beam is generated by a resonator comprising the three mirrors M1, M2 and M3 to be extracted from the output mirror ~~M3~~ M2.